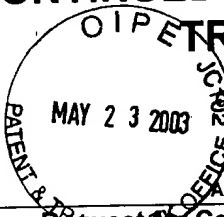


REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL



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1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other: PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☒ Other PETITION FOR TWO MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME (2 pages)

3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiencies, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-1355.
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- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) 01 FC:1801 750.00 OP
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) 02 FC:1203 280.00 OP
- iii. ☒ Other MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS
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